

PROSPERITY REIGNS IN PINE WOODS

Money Stringency Does Not Affect Mississippi Section at Present.

(Special to The News Scimitar.)
YAZOO CITY, Miss., Dec. 26.—Money stringency and so-called hard times are practically unknown in that section of Mississippi south of Jackson, generally known as the "Pine Woods" section. This report comes from a number of people who have visited that section recently, and was corroborated today by S. M. White, a leading shoe merchant of Yazoo City, who spent the Christmas holidays at his old home near Silver Creek, in Lawrence county, with his brother, T. E. White, a successful farmer of that section. Mr. White says that all the time he was there he heard no talk of hard times, or money stringency. In speaking of the matter, Mr. White said:
"The panic of 1897 proved a hard blow to South Mississippi, and the people of that section learned a lesson in the hard school of experience which they have not forgotten. They then learned that economy is necessary, and they also learned that if they were to succeed at farming, they must raise their food and feedstuffs at home, instead of sending away for it.
"I will give you a concrete example of conditions in Lawrence county, which I believe to be typical of that section generally. My brother bargained to buy a piece of land adjoining his own farm. I warned him against such a move at this time, telling him that should he need money to put the deal through it would be impossible for him to secure the loan from the banks. My brother expressed surprise and said he believed he could negotiate a loan for any reasonable amount. I bantered him on a good-natured bet that he would be unable to negotiate the loan, and to test the matter we went into his local bank, and my brother told the cashier that he wanted a certain amount of money for 90 days and perhaps for a year. The cashier, without a moment's hesitation, filled out a blank note for the amount asked for, and pushed it across the counter for his signature, but my brother did not need the money, and told the cashier of our conversation, and proved that the joke was on me."
Mr. White's observations fit every community in Mississippi where the diversity and the same conditions exist in Yazoo county to a greater extent than in some counties, and it is safe to say that this will be proved generally in the coming year even more than it has been in the past.

KENTUCKY TOBACCO CROP THIRD OF U. S.

Production Report Shows State Fifth in World.

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 26.—Kentucky produced one-third of the tobacco crop of the United States in 1933, and more than one-fifth of the crop of the world, according to figures set out in the preliminary report of the cost of production of tobacco in 1933, as compiled by W. D. Nicholls and F. W. Peck. The report quotes the year-book of the United States department of agriculture as stating that the world production of tobacco in 1933, the last year for which figures are available, was 2,153,395,000 pounds.
The production of the United States in 1933, was 1,389,458,000 pounds and for Kentucky 456,500,000 pounds.
The production by states in 1933 was: Kentucky, 456,500,000; North Carolina, 110,240,000; Virginia, 121,100,000; Tennessee, 88,000,000; South Carolina, 81,000,000; Ohio, 77,400,000; Wisconsin, 60,850,000; Pennsylvania, 54,120,000; Connecticut, 39,000,000; Maryland, 19,575,000; Georgia, 18,420,000; Massachusetts, 15,400,000; Idaho, 15,215,000; West Virginia, 10,500,000; Florida, 3,980,000; Missouri, 3,500,000; New York, 3,433,000; Alabama, 1,390,000; Illinois, 525,000; Arkansas, 450,000; Louisiana, 174,000.
The total value of the crop for the season was \$542,547,000 with the value of the Kentucky crop fixed at \$174,352,000.

Governor Denies He Is Going To Push Hamon Case

(By International News Service.)
OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla., Dec. 26.—Gov. J. B. Robertson, of Oklahoma, has denied he ordered the attorney-general's office to "take over possession of the trial of Clara Smith Hamon," as variously reported during the last few days.
"I never said I would use the state's legal resources to force Mrs. Hamon into prison for her alleged crime," said the governor, in commenting on a statement attributed to him, "but she ought to go to jail."
"I have not the slightest idea as to whether the governor will call in my office in the Hamon case," Attorney-General Prince Freeling said today. "Of course, if the governor directs me to intervene in the case such a course would be entirely legal."
"County Attorney Brown, of Ardmore, is a capable man, but as his term expires the first of January his appointment as special prosecutor would be up to District Judge Chapman."
"Clara Smith Hamon should be fairly tried in the regular manner by an impartial jury and let it go at that, whatever public opinion may be. Personally I hope my office is not injected into the case."

CELEBRATE FIFTY-EIGHTH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

BATESVILLE, Ark., Dec. 26.—One of the most unique Christmas season celebrations here was the reception given by Stevenson A. Hall, at his home. Mr. Hall has been a citizen of this section all his life and his reception was in connection with the celebration of the 58th anniversary of his marriage.
At the dinner served at the Hall home were seated 33 near relatives. Mr. Hall rose from a day laborer here in 1866 to the head of one of the most successful mercantile establishments in this section.

COUNTESS SENTENCED TO TERM IN PRISON

DUBLIN, Dec. 26.—Countess Georgia Markievicz, who was tried by a court-martial on a charge of conspiracy to organize a seditious society, was today sentenced to two years at hard labor in prison.
The specific allegation against her was that between January, 1918, and September, 1920, she plotted to organize a "fianna eireann" or Sinn Fein Boy Scouts society. This organization has been charged with conspiracy to murder military police and with unlawful drilling.

Tri-State News In Brief

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn.—The home of pinis Ewing was destroyed by fire at Hampton's Station here. The flames are supposed to have started in the kitchen. Loss is estimated at \$2,000.

ELYTHEVILLE, Ark.—Blytheville has organized a regular Cotton exchange, composed of about 50 members, and made up largely of the cotton buyers, ginners, bankers and planters in North-east Arkansas and Southeast Missouri. T. J. Mahan was elected president of the exchange; T. J. Brown, vice-president; E. A. Hirsch, secretary, and Jeff Mott, treasurer.

MADISONVILLE, Ky.—Lee Ellison, a negro, was found guilty here of murdering Sheriff R. Scott Hunter, of Hopkins county, on Nov. 5, last, and sentenced to death in the electric chair on Jan. 31. The Ellison trial opened Tuesday morning and the verdict returned late in the afternoon. Ellison was arrested in Hannibal, Mo., two weeks ago after a search that extended over a half dozen states.

RIPLEY, Miss.—Rev. J. Frank Ray, formerly of this county, but now a missionary to Japan, is spending a few days in Ripley. Mr. Ray has been in Japan for several years, but has made two or three trips home. This time he came to the account of ill health. He left his wife and four children in Japan.

RIPLEY, Miss.—The store and stock of goods belonging to Jim Meek, at Brownfield, was destroyed by fire.

NEWBERN, Tenn.—The volume of business done this Christmas was said by merchants to be the heaviest in many years. The amount of sales was gradually heavier than previous years, however. Some merchants report that the future business will be better on a financial standpoint, due to the fact that goods are being rapidly reduced in the markets.

MARRIAGES.

RIPLEY, Miss.—Miss Inez Powell, who is teaching in the high school at Dumas, and Jess Reeves, of that community, were united in marriage by Rev. M. L. Ward, pastor of the Methodist church at Dumas.

RIPLEY, Miss.—Miss Hermie Finger, of this county, and Mr. S. W. Wardlaw, of Oxford, bank examiner for this district, were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents in Ripley. They expect to make their home at Oxford.

YAZOO CITY, Miss.—Prof. L. A. White, principal of the Anding Commercial school, and Miss Gussie Kirk, were married at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Kirk, near Anding, Rev. Lee B. Spencer officiating.

CORINTH, Miss.—Miss Ollie Mae Spear was married to Roy Brewer, of Oklahoma. She is the daughter of the county warden, J. F. Spear, and will leave for their Western home Thursday.

NEWBERN, Tenn.—Frazier Carroll, of near Rebooth, and Miss Edith Rose, of Senter, east of Newbern, were married in that district in the presence of a few special friends. The bridegroom is a young farmer of the Seventh district of this county, and is the son of Cooper Carroll. His bride is the attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lafayette B. Rose, near town.

HUNTINGDON, Tenn.—William Claud Hicks and Miss Lillie Bennett were married, the ceremony being said by Rev. S. W. Joyner. They are residents of the Hollow Rock community.

HUNTINGDON, Tenn.—Quay Foust and Miss George Fry are married, the ceremony being said at McKenize. Mr. Foust is a merchant at Post, where he has a fine business, and his bride is the daughter of Mrs. George Fry, of Trezevant.

HUNTINGDON, Tenn.—Curtis Williams and Miss Belle Bell of the Buena Vista community, were married, the ceremony being said by Squire Garvin Parks.

CLARKSVILLE, Tenn.—Miss Ruby Winn and Henry S. Farmer were married here at the home of the bride's parents. They will make their home north of this city.

DEATHS.

TREZEVAULT, Tenn.—John Calvin McKimney, aged 86, died suddenly while visiting in the home of his brother-in-law, J. C. Fisher, south of McLeansville. Mr. McKimney was the oldest resident of McMinnerville. He was married in the same home in which he died, 54 years ago. He is survived by his widow and one brother and six sisters.

NEWBERN, Tenn.—Mrs. S. L. Fleischer, 70, a highly respected woman of the Lenox section, this county, died at the home of her daughter after a brief illness. She is survived by two daughters, Mrs. A. A. Kirk and Mrs. Gracie Jackson, and one brother, of Lenox.

HUNTINGDON, Tenn.—Mrs. Bell Thompson died at the home of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs.

NEW CONTRACT IS AUTHORIZED FOR EXPRESS COMPANY

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—Authorization was granted by the Interstate Commerce commission to the American Railway Express company to enter into contracts with the various railroads over which the company operates. The contract will supplant existing contracts between the railroads and the Wells-Pargo, Adams, American and Southern Express companies, the permanent merger of which into the American Railway Express company was approved recently by the commission. Under the old system of separate contracts between the carriers and the companies, the carriers received a certain amount from each company without respect to the amounts paid by other companies. The new contract, however, will provide: "After making the deduction for expenses by groups the balance remaining is to be distributed as follows: 25 per cent to the express company, and the remainder among the railroads in the proportion that the gross express transportation for the month earned on each railroad bears to the gross transportation on all such railroads."

The contract will also specify that should the revenues after deductions for expenses exceed a per cent the excess shall be divided half and half between the company and the carriers until it reaches a 10 per cent maximum, when it shall be divided one-fourth to the express companies and three-fourths to the carriers. The commission stated that such a contract would not interfere with competition and was compatible with the public interests. Commissioners Eastman, Aitchison, Woolley and McChord, however, dissented from the majority opinion, saying such a contract as proposed would not be in the public interest and that it would cause the railroads to give the express companies a guarantee against loss rather than insuring the roads a fair return.

Author Declares Himself Bankrupt

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Eugene Walter, author and dramatist, filed voluntary bankruptcy proceedings here, placing his liabilities at \$7,479 and assets at \$109. Among the creditors named in the schedule are David Belasco, producer, \$500 for money loaned, and the Friars club, \$388 for dues and house account.

Two Lava Rivers Flow From Crater

HILO, T. H., Dec. 26.—Two lava streams, each a quarter of a mile wide, are flowing from Willaua volcano after several weeks of steady rise of the lava pit, according to reports from the volcano observatory. The overflow is through a crack made by eruptions of 1843, about 500 feet above the main pit, where lava fountains have been playing spectacularly for weeks.



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